

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

The September 9, 2021 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Paul Tarlowe. Participating were Paul Tarlowe, James McMekin, Robert Jewell, Amanda Kilyk, Ruth Panté, Township Committeeman Glen McGuinness and Township Clerk Dena Hrebenak. Not responding to the invitation were Glenn Todd and Kathie Todd. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

It was MOVED by Mr. Jewell to accept and approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. McMekin. With one abstention, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bluebird Trail

Mr. Tarlowe and biologist and licensed bird bander Jim Mershon inspected the bluebird houses and monitored the eggs and hatchlings through the season. Mr. Mershon said it was a banner year for bluebirds. In past years Certificates have been presented to the children of the families assisting with this project, and Mr. Tarlowe asked Ms. Hrebenak if they could be awarded this year. She requested the names and hours of participants; Mr. Tarlowe will contact the families and submit information to the Clerk. Mr. Tarlowe noted one family has been cleaning out the boxes; he will check to make sure the boxes are clean and in good repair for next year.

Salem Oak Seedling

Mr. Tarlowe has clipped the grass and added mulch to the tree's small enclosure. He believes this will be adequate preparation for the winter. Mr. Tarlowe asked if the budget includes funds for a commemorative sign for the tree or if this should be a budget item for next year. Ms. Hrebenak asked for an e-mail with a quote for the plaque.

Land Use Board

Mr. Jewell said the Land Use Board did not meet last month and will probably not meet this month. Nothing further has been heard from Mr. DeFeo on the Pio Costa Blau Road project. Mr. Tarlowe asked about the process and Mr. Jewell explained that approvals are needed from Mansfield Township first, then from the County Solid Waste Advisory Council before submission to the state. Mr. Tarlowe noted that Township residents have erected Stop the Dump signs.

Mr. McMekin noted that the property in question is zoned industrial so not much can be done if an application is submitted, and it most likely will be approved. Site plans would need to be submitted to the Land Use Board; but Mr. Jewell reminded the application is to be submitted first so that any requested waivers or relief can be settled. The Land Use Board would need to

act on variances, etc. Notices will go out to surrounding property owners and interested parties should there be variances requested. At that time, testimony will be taken from the applicant and experts; the public will be free to question, and the Land Use Board and professionals can question as well. When completed, a vote can be taken; then a site plan can be reviewed.

Mr. Jewell is interested in seeing the New York State facility which is similar to the one which may be proposed for Blau Road. He plans a visit with Mr. DeFeo when an inspection can be scheduled; Mr. Tarlowe expressed that he too would like to accompany them if/when a visit is arranged.

It was MOVED by Mr. Tarlowe to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté

**Next meeting date:
November 11, 2021**